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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

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A4 1. (Currently amended) An insulating cover for an access opening associated with attic trap doors and/or pull down attic ladders and wherein the access opening is defined by a peripheral frame, the insulating cover comprising ~~which comprises~~, a closure member formed of a free standing insulating material and including a body portion and opposing side and end walls, said closure member including a depending central body portion of a size to complementary fit within the frame defining the access opening, and said depending central body portion having an outer peripheral surface which frictionally engages the frame defining the access opening to thereby create ~~being configured such that said closure member seats and creates~~ a continuous first seal about the access opening when positioned in covering relationship

with respect to the access opening, ~~and said closure member being sealed with a plastic layer coated with a fire retardant material.~~

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2.(Currently amended) The insulating cover of claim 1 in which said closure member includes ~~a depending central body portion of a size to fit at least partially within the access opening and frictionally engage a frame defining the access opening, and said closure member~~ laterally extending including outer flange portions for seating against an upper edge defined by the frame defining the access opening to thereby form a second seal with the frame.

3.(Currently amended) The insulating cover of claim 2 wherein said closure member is coated with a fire retardant material, ~~in which said insulating material of said closure member is an expanded polymeric material.~~

4.(Currently amended) The insulating cover of claim 2 ~~including at least one handle secured to~~ said depending central body portion of said closure member to facilitate maneuvering[[,]] ~~said at least one handle being mounted to an insert member formed of a material which is more rigid than said~~

~~expanded polymeric material, and said insert member being keyed into said body portion.~~

5. (Original) The insulating cover of claim 1 in which said insulating material of said closure member is an expanded polymeric material.

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6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) The insulating cover of claim 2 6 in which said closure member includes at least first and second components each having opposing edges which are configured to cooperatively engage one another to create a tortuous seal path therebetween, and means for adhesively securing said opposing edges in inter-fitted relationship.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) The insulating cover of claim 1 8 including at least one handle secured to said ~~depending central body portion of said~~ closure member to facilitate maneuvering[[,]] ~~said at least one handle being mounted to an insert member formed of a material which is more rigid than said~~

~~expanded polymeric material, and said insert member being keyed into said body portion.~~

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

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12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The insulating cover of claim 1 in which said closure member includes at least first and second components each having opposing edges which are configured to cooperatively engage one another to create a tortuous seal path therebetween, and means for adhesively securing said opposing edges in inter-fitted relationship.

14. (Currently amended) An insulating cover for an access opening associated with attic trap doors and/or pull down attic ladders which includes, a continuous frame having spaced side walls and spaced end walls and which frame is formed of a free standing insulating material, said frame defining an opening therethrough for alignment with the access opening and said frame being of a size to generally surround the access opening, a

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closure member formed of a free standing insulating material and ~~having~~ including a body portion and integral side and end walls, ~~and~~ said closure member and said frame being configured such that ~~at least a portion of~~ said closure member is ~~complementary to and~~ snugly ~~seats within said frame~~ seated to create a ~~first~~ continuous seal ~~within~~ with said frame when positioned against said frame in covering relationship with respect to said opening defined by said frame[[,]] ~~and each of said frame and said closure member being sealed with a plastic layer coated with a fire retardant material.~~

15. (Currently amended) The insulating cover of claim 14 in which said closure member includes a depending central portion of a size to fit within said opening defined by said frame and frictionally engage said side walls and end walls of said frame and said closure member including ~~outer~~ flange portions ~~which extend laterally outwardly relative to said depending central portion~~ for seating against ~~an upper edge defined by upper surfaces of said side and end walls of said frame~~ ~~to thereby form a second seal with said frame.~~

16. (Currently amended) The insulating cover of claim 14 in which said side and end walls of said closure member are tapered

from an upper surface of said closure member toward a lower surface thereof, and said side and end walls of said frame ~~are being~~ tapered inwardly from an upper surface toward a lower surface of said side and end walls ~~thereof~~ such that said tapered side and end walls of said closure member cooperatively engage said tapered side and end walls of said frame.

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17. (Currently amended) The insulating cover of claim 15 in which said frame includes a depending portion extending from each of said side and end walls, said depending portions being configured so as to ~~extend within the access opening and to~~ engage against a structural frame defining the access opening.

18. (Original) The insulating cover of claim 14 in which said frame includes a depending portion extending from each of said side and end walls, said depending portions being configured so as to engage against a structural frame defining the access opening.

19. (New) The insulating cover of claim 18 wherein said frame includes an upper section which extends laterally outwardly about said depending portion thereof so as to be seated above the frame defining the access opening.

20. (New) The insulating cover of claim 17 wherein said frame includes an upper section which extends laterally outwardly about said depending portion thereof so as to be seated above the frame defining the access opening.

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Claim 21. (New) The insulating cover of claims 15 including at last one handle mounted to extend from a lower surface of said depending central portion of said closure member so as to be accessible within the access opening when the insulating cover is in place.

Claim 22. (New) The insulating cover of claim 14 including at least one handle extending from a lower surface of said closure member so as to be accessible within the access opening when the insulating cover is in place.

Claim 23. (New) The insulating cover of claim 15 in which said closure member includes at least first and second components each having opposing edges which are configured to cooperatively engage one another to create a tortuous seal path therebetween, and means for adhesively securing said opposing edges in inter-fitted relationship so as to form a unified closure member.



Claim 24. (New) The insulating cover of claim 14 in which said closure member includes at least first and second components each having opposing edges which are configured to cooperatively engage one another to create a tortuous seal path therebetween, and means for adhesively securing said opposing edges in inter-fitted relationship so as to form a unified closure member.

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Claim 25. (New) The insulating cover of claim 14 including said closure member and said frame being coated with a fire retardant material.

Claim 26. (New) The insulating cover of claim 14 in which said closure member includes upper laterally extending flange portions which seat on an upper peripheral surface of said frame to thereby form a second seal with said frame.

Claim 27. (New) The insulating cover of claim 15 in which said insulating material of said closure member and said frame is an expanded polymeric material.

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